



DAR Chapter Continues Cleanup Of Historic Walker Gravesite

by Jane Johnson

On Saturday, May 25, members of Pleasant Prospect Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the John Hanson Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) gathered to remember two soldiers who fought in the American Revolution. They raked leaves and cleaned the historic gravesites of Isaac and Nathan Walker, located behind Golden Triangle Drive in Greenbelt. Isaac Walker was a lieutenant during his service and his son, Nathan Walker, was a private during the American Revolutionary War.

Established in the mid-18th century, the Walker homestead, along with several other parcels of land, would one day become part of the City of Greenbelt. The colonial Walker home, named Toaping Castle, was located on what is now Greenbelt Road, across from Greenbelt Park.

The tradition of cleaning the Walker gravesites began in May 2009 and has continued off-and-on each Memorial Day weekend to the present.

Today, Pleasant Prospect Chapter, NSDAR is a merger of two Prince George's County



PHOTO BY JANE JOHNSON

Members of the Pleasant Prospect Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the John Hanson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) involved in this event, from left: Kathy Bryant, Roger Wirin, Becky Hirsh, Craig Smith, Marion Zipf, Katy Wirin, Marcia Richards, Bonnie Brose, Barry Jackson, Amelia Brose and Norman Fogel. Mary Moien intended to help, but was sidelined with a bad ankle.

DAR Chapters – Toaping Castle and Marlborough Towne Chapters. Toaping was founded on June 22, 1945, as a Hyattsville DAR Chapter and Marlborough Towne on October 15, 1966, as an Upper Marlboro Chapter. The ladies of Pleasant Prospect Chapter continue their annual Memorial Day Walker gravesite clean-up, which is now a labor of love for everyone. The tradition has grown to include members of the John

Hanson Chapter of SAR, also a Prince George's County chapter.

Walker family history says that Isaac Walker was a loyal Jacobite and was a survivor of the Battle of Culloden Field in Scotland in 1746. After the battle, Walker escaped to France with

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Three Cities' TRO Against County Is Rejected; Firefighters Pulled

by Anna Bedford-Dillow, Matthew Neus and Randy Chow

As Greenbelt's City Council held a closed-door meeting, Berwyn Heights and College Park did the same. Around midnight on Thursday, June 27, the three cities filed a joint motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Prince George's County Fire Chief Tiffany Green to prevent them from removing career firefighters from

Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights on June 30.

On Friday, June 28, the county filed a response arguing the summer staffing plan is for the department's health and safety and in the public interest. At a hearing on Monday, July 1, Judge William Snoddy rejected the motion for a TRO, primarily on the

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PHOTO BY JASON ANDREW

All 24 career firefighters were withdrawn from Greenbelt VFD on Sunday.

Metro Fares Have Increased By 12.5 Percent on Weekdays

by Matthew Neus



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Greenbelt Metro Station

On Thursday, June 27, at an online presentation, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) announced changes to Metro fares and other programs. Presenters also shared options for seniors and low-income riders enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Metro Fare Increases

Fares for Metrorail riders increased on June 30 by 12.5 percent on weekdays and up to 25 percent on weekends. A base fare of \$2.25 will be charged to all riders during the week, Monday through Friday. The maximum

fare for weekday riders will reach \$6.75 depending on the length of the Metrorail journey. Prices will change based on the distance traveled.

WMATA also changed its flat \$2 fare for riders after 9:30 p.m. on weekdays and on weekends to one that will vary from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per ride, based on distance.

Metrobus Fare Increases

Metrobus fares increased by 12.5 percent. Each bus ride will now cost \$2.25, or \$4.80 for the express bus.

This is the first general fare

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Greenbelt Fire Department & RS Holds Volunteer Interest Event

by Daniel Thies

Last Thursday, June 27, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD) held a volunteer interest meeting at the Greenbelt Firehouse at 124 Crescent Road. The event was an opportunity for residents to learn about Company 35, talk with current volunteers and get started on the membership process. Roughly a dozen volunteer hopefuls attended the event, filling the cozy room which was set with refreshments.

The event is timely for the department. On Sunday, Prince George's County shifted 24 career firefighters out of GVFD to other parts of the county. This has created a gap in shift coverage that will be difficult to

supplement with an entirely volunteer staff. Although volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians have comparable training to their career counterparts, they have to balance volunteer and job obligations.

The relocation of career firefighters has gotten a lot of attention in recent weeks. On June 12, Greenbelt City Council released a public statement expressing concern over the reduction of career firefighters. Last Monday, former governor and current Republican

Senate candidate Larry Hogan spoke at the fire station, decrying the reduction of career firefighters as a result of the county's de-prioritization of public safety.

At the event, Thomas Ray, GVFD chief, had a few words to share before attending a city council worksession. He emphasized that regardless of the change in career staff, the GVFD will always be committed to the community. He also saw those

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What Goes On

Monday, July 8

7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, July 10

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession: Charter Review Initiative, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for more information.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL G. STEWART

Nora Myint, left, and Jan Knutson entertain at the Greenbelt Jazz Festival. See story and more photos, page 12.



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Letters to the Editor

Construction Crew Starts Too Early

This is a formal complaint against the construction contractor working at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Yesterday, June 26, construction crew workers began operating construction vehicles at 3:30 a.m. I contacted Greenbelt Police and had them respond to make sure that the equipment was not being vandalized or stolen. The officers on scene confirmed that it was the construction contractor's work crew. Work at the school has usually been from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. This is a violation of construction permitting laws, which require work to take place between 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Does the contractor have a clause which provides a bonus if the work is completed by a certain date?

Enforce the laws requiring the work not disturb the local residents after hours. Impose a fine for violating the work hours.

James William Thompson

Plea for People To Be Thoughtful

Please be more considerate. It is a founding principle of our country after all.

If Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Sam Adams, etc. were walking around Greenbelt today they would be appalled at the inconsideration of their fellow citizens.

Folks driving while buried in their phones, hitting curbs and scattering pedestrians in all directions. Using shopping carts as their personal conveyance and leaving them all over town. Not cleaning up after your dog, even when a bag station is in sight. Throwing garbage out of the car window. Completely ignoring a stop sign. Ignoring people in the crosswalk, and on and on.

We the people are all of us and in order to maintain a more perfect union we need civility in our daily lives and consider the other person. We'll all prosper from it.

John Mason



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Community Events

Indoor Community Yard Sale July 27

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold its long awaited Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 125 Crescent Road. Tell friends and neighbors to come and help support the fire department and auxiliary. There are many tables with lots of treasures for everyone. Refreshments and homemade baked goods will also be available for purchase. Tables are available for rent; see our classified ad for further details. Masks are not required, but may be worn if desired. The hall is handicapped accessible and has ample parking.



Attention Filmmakers

Mark your calendars for the 20th anniversary of the Utopia Film Festival October 18-21. Submit your films! For questions contact the Festival organizers at UtopiaFilmFest20770@gmail.com or call GATe at 301-507-6581.

Find More Peace Through Meditation

In today's world, many people have trouble falling asleep and feel stress or anxiety. Could meditation help them?

Katrina Boverman, a long-time meditation instructor with the Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past nine years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of your own home.

Attendees have expressed quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and in between the classes. Common experiences outside of the class for participants have been to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

Classes began Monday, June 3 and are held every other Monday through August 26, from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email or call Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com or 301-641-1035.

Stamp Out Hunger Close to Home

Greenbelt PORCH is continuing its program to collect food in the month of July, as scheduled below:

Sunday, July 14 – by 11 a.m. at 1-8 Courts Ridge Road, 1-8 Courts Crescent Road and 1-2 Courts Westway

Saturday, July 20 – by 10 a.m. for 14 and 15 Courts Laurel Hill

Sunday, July 21 – by 4 p.m. for Boxwood Village, 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road and 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road

Sunday, July 28 – by 4 p.m. for P.A.L. (PORCH at large) members (Contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler by noon on July 28 at spreadruak@gmail.com. He will come to your porch.); by 5 p.m. for Lakeside Drive

Monday, July 29 – by 10:30 a.m. at the leasing office of Pinnacle Properties 32 Crescent Road.

GIVES Needs Drivers

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that helps adult Greenbelt residents with transportation and friendly visits, along with other services. More drivers are urgently needed to meet the increase in requests for services. To be a driver for GIVES, one needs to be a resident of Greenbelt, a member of GIVES, have a valid Maryland license and insurance and obtain a free background check. Membership is free. For information or an application, call 301-507-6580 or visit givesgreenbelt.org.



Senior Nutrition Program Luncheon

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunch for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Meals must be reserved two weeks ahead so that enough food is ordered. Participants must complete a registration form in person at the Community Center office, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is a suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 with questions.

Two menu options, one vegetarian, will be offered for each luncheon. All meals, which provide at least one third of recommended dietary allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk.

Bilingual Story Time At SHL Rec Center

On Friday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, the children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children's books and free healthy, nutritious snacks. Come, and spread the word to friends and families.

Los Niños Leen y Juegan

El viernes 12 de julio a las 10:30 a.m. en el Centro Recreativo de Springhill Lake, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) con el Sistema de Bibliotecas Conmemorativas del Condado de Prince George's presentarán interesantes historias y actividades divertidas para niños pequeños y sus cuidadores, para ayudar a desarrollar las habilidades de alfabetización temprana. Este programa mensual es una introducción a la lectura en voz alta a los niños como forma de inculcar el amor por la literatura. Después de las lecturas, los niños pueden quedarse y jugar con pelotas en el gimnasio. Habrán libros infantiles gratis y aperitivos saludables y nutritivos. Como dijo un padre al irse, "Fue muy bueno!" Unete a nosotros, y corra la voz a amigos y familiares.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

County Schools Offer Free Summer Meals

Prince George's County Public Schools offers free meal service for children under age 18 through Friday, August 9. Breakfast is served from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon to 1 p.m. on weekdays. Meals must be eaten on site and dates and times are subject to change.

Springhill Lake Elementary School and Magnolia Elementary are among the 25 participating school sites.

Greenbelt Chess Club

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, July 9, 16 and 23 in the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels.



March in the Parade On Labor Day

The Festival Parade will take place on Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road, from Greenhill Road to Southway. Organizations, clubs and other groups are encouraged to participate. Visit greenbeltlaborday.com/parade for more information and to register.

Information Day Applications Open

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is accepting applications for Information Day, which will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 31 in Roosevelt Center. Organizations, clubs, businesses and other groups are invited to share information with the public. Find out more and register at greenbeltlaborday.com/get-involved/information-day.

At the Library

Libraries will be closed Thursday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday, and will reopen on Friday, July 5 at 10 a.m. All county branches will open at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 8.

Greenbelt Library regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Face masks are recommended for all customers over the age of 2.

Storytimes

Friday, July 5, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at pgcmcls.info/event/10815009.

Wednesday, July 10, 12:15 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at pgcmcls.info/event/10814984.

Thursday, July 11, 12:15 p.m., ages newborn to 2 Register at pgcmcls.info/event/10814961.

Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, July 6, 11 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. Register at pgcmcls.info/event/10824172.

Repair Café At MakerSpace

The next free Greenbelt MakerSpace Repair Café is on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Granite Building, 115 Centerway. Come learn how to repair tired or broken items or help repair others' (experienced and novice volunteers needed). Bring clothing, furniture, appliances, computers, jewelry, toys, etc. for the challenge of making them useful again. See tools.greenbeltmakers.org for more information. Borrow tools and other things at the Tool Library on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More Community Events throughout the paper.

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New This Month
Creative Kids Camp Claymations
Campers recently worked together to create a series of wonderful, claymation animations! Catch their amazing work on our channel as well as our YouTube page!

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Obituaries

David Brinks



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David Brinks

David (Dave) Christopher Brinks died on June 27, 2024, at the age of 74 in the company of his family. He was born on June 12, 1950, in Washington, D.C., to the late Jean and Jane Brinks.

Dave graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor of science in business administration. Although a dedicated student, he could frequently be found skipping class to play cards in the Student Union. He met the love of his life, Suzanne, on the way to class. They were married in 1975 and enjoyed 49 wonderful years together. They spent most of their married life in Maryland where they raised a family, enjoying daily walks on the Baltimore & Annapolis Trail and Suzanne’s home-cooked meals every night.

Dave was an avid golfer who played many special courses over his lifetime, including Pebble Beach, Pinehurst, the U.S. Naval Academy and Spyglass. He also was a dedicated sports-watcher, who could frequently be heard cheering for the Baltimore Ravens and the Carolina Gamecocks. Every summer he vacationed in the Outer Banks with his family, often renting a large beach house to accommodate many siblings, nieces and nephews. He was family first in all aspects of life and leaves his

loved ones with many cherished memories. At home he maintained his garden and loved bird-watching from his screened porch (his favorites were yellow birds). His beverage of choice was a Jack Daniels on the rocks, with a splash of water – which he enjoyed every night up until his last few days.

Professionally, he served the Greenbelt community as financial manager at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket for over 40 years. He was passionate about helping his customers with all inquiries and particularly enjoyed making wine recommendations. In his retirement years, he and Suzanne moved to Spartanburg, S.C., to be fulltime grandparents to Clara. Together, they enjoyed the Spartanburg theater, long walks and trying out new restaurants.

Dave is survived by his wife Suzanne; daughters Connie Dragicevich (Zack) and Sarah Miller (Brandon); granddaughter Clara, brothers Adrian, Gery, Andy and Jim; brother-in-law John; sister Monica; and many beloved friends. He was predeceased by his sister Suzanne and sister-in-law Carol.

A celebration of Dave’s life will be held in the fall in Maryland. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Association of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties, which provided much relief and support to Dave and Suzanne during his courageous battle with cancer, at cancerassociation.org/MakeaDonation.html.

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his wife and young son, fearing for his life and that of his family. With a price on his head, Isaac escaped by himself on a ship destined for America where he hid for several years. After the Jacobites were pardoned, Isaac’s wife and son joined him, arriving at the Port of Alexandria in Virginia. Isaac received a land grant and named the estate Toaping Castle, after the home he left behind in Scotland. He built a log cabin on the land (circa 1750). As his family increased, additions were made, and the original family home eventually became a large colonial home.

The Walkers and their Lester and Simonds descendants lived

in Toaping Castle until the land was acquired for the Greenbelt Project.

Years later, the original house deteriorated, was vandalized and fell into such decay it was demolished. The land was cleared for the Golden Triangle Business Park (Patriot Business Park). The burial plot, within walking distance of the original Walker homestead, was preserved. A stone block was placed in the cemetery by descendants. In October, 1936, a bronze marker was attached by the Prince George’s County Chapter, NSDAR, whose members included several descendants of the Walker family.



PHOTO BY BARRY JACKSON

From left, Kathy Bryant, chapter member; Marcia Richards, chapter chaplain; Jane Johnson, chapter recording secretary; Bonnie Brose, chapter vice regent; and Amelia Brose, chapter member



PHOTO BY JANE JOHNSON

The headstone of Isaac Walker, 1721-1807, first lieutenant in the Maryland Militia



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Plaque for Isaac and Nathan Walker

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Come and be inspired by personal stories that illustrate the intersections of race, class, and the environment. Bring your family and friends for a special ukelele sing-along.

Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD

City Notes

The city manager hosted the first meeting of the Hotelier Roundtable, Human Resources submitted a grant for a staff member’s Greenbelt home purchase and Planning Staff attended a county hearing about Laugh Out Loud Childcare Center.

After one dog adoption, Animal Shelter residents are seven dogs and 13 cats.

Public Works received a new bus and a new dump truck. Streets crew installed risers for the Jazz Festival and Maintenance addressed multiple air conditioning issues. Horticulture/Parks prepared the Lake surroundings for July 4 festivities.

At the Community Center and Youth Center, summer camp Session 1 culminated in two performances. Springhill Lake Recreation Center began summer programs, including a 10-session coding class for 10 students presented by CARES.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center welcomed new lifeguards and instructors, hosted a swim meet and finished Session 1 of swimming lessons.

Therapeutic Recreation oversaw camp inclusion support and hosted the Summer Book Club.

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY FIRE/EMS SUMMER STAFFING PLAN FOR GREENBELT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greenbelt, MD - The City of Greenbelt is disappointed in the County’s decision to reassign 24 career personnel from Greenbelt Station 835 on July 1, resulting in the removal of all career personnel from our Station. County Fire Chief Tiffany Green and County leadership ordered the redeployment of 55 career firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Bunker Hill, and Bowie Station. We are gravely concerned with the impact in response times of emergencies in Greenbelt and our surrounding areas.

Greenbelt will continue to work in tandem with College Park and Berwyn Heights alongside County leadership in addressing our concerns and fighting for the City of Greenbelt.

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Office of the County Executive
countyexecutive@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-4131

Office of the County Fire Chief
tdgreen@co.pg.md.us
(301) 883-5200

At-Large County Council Member Hawkins
At-LargeMemberHawkins@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-2195

County Council Member District 4
councildistrict4@co.pg.md.us
(301) 952-3094

Letters of Support to keep/return career staffing to Greenbelt Station 835 can be sent to:

City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or council@greenbeltmd.gov.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION

Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Parks & Recreation Month Proclamation
- * Minutes
- Administrative Reports
- * Committee Reports
- * Advisory Planning Board Report #2024-03: WMATA'S Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network
- * Board of Election Report #2024-02: Procedures to Fill Council Vacancies

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the Greenbelt West Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, in the Amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for Additional Greenbelt West Fund Expenditures Over the Appropriated Amount
- 2nd Reading and Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- WMATA's Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network
- Fire and EMS Services; Approval of Pay and Incentives for Fire Protection Personnel
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
- * Meetings
- * Stakeholders
- * Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board

In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS
JULY 18 - TWO LOCATIONS

Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road: 1 - 3 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center: 3 - 4:15 pm, registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

FREE CARES CLASSES

Stress Surfing, Wednesdays, July 10, 17, & 24, 11 am - 1 pm, 15 Crescent Rd
Three week program that focuses on the science of stress and stress management.

Dining with Diabetes, Wednesdays, August 7, 14, 21, & 28, 15 Crescent Rd
Four week program that focuses on diabetes management through nutrition.

Register with Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.

CREATIVE KIDS CAMP PRESENTS: THE COOKIE CAPER

Fridays: 7/12, 7/26, & 8/9. 10 am & 2:15 pm
Greenbelt Community Center Gym, 15 Crescent Rd

For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208,.

Enjoy the original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry and performed by Creative Kids Camp.

EMERGENCY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION
July Registration Open

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST REGISTER EACH MONTH.

Parents must present proof of Greenbelt residency displaying parent's name and residential address, state-issued photo ID, each child's birth certificate.

To register: <https://forms.gle/NTFEkFefAttjqsQt9> or call Brendy Garcia at (240) 424-0302.



MEETINGS FOR JULY 8 - 12

Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - CHARTER REVIEW INITIATIVE**

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GREENBELT ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS
Applications Deadlines Extended Through August 30, 2024

To view grant programs, or to see how other ARPA programs are helping your community recover from the COVID-19 pandemic visit us at www.engagegreenbelt.org.

CURRENT CARES PROGRAMS

CARES is happy to provide the following programs FREE of charge:

- **Pink Pantry Opn Registration.** This quarterly program assists low-income Greenbelt residents to access free menstrual products. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Greenbelt Nursery Project.** Our Greenbelt Nursery project is dedicated to supporting families with young children. We provide 6 Home Visits that offer personalized care and resources. To register call (240) 424-0302 or email bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov.
- **Emergency Diaper Distribution.** Must register <https://forms.gle/NTFEkFefAttjqsQt9>. Call (240) 424-0302.
- **Produce Distribution** at the Greenbelt Community Center, Ground Floor East, 15 Crescent Road
Upcoming Dates: June 20, from 1 - 3 pm
- **Produce Distribution** at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln (Greenbelt West Residents Only)
Upcoming Dates: June 20, from 3 - 4:15 pm

For descriptions and information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/CARESprograms and see ads on this page!

COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, the Youth Advisory Committee, or the Advisory Committee on Education**, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Employee Relations Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and make a difference in Greenbelt!

By dedicating your time and expertise, you will help shape the future of Greenbelt and create a community that values the voices of all its residents. Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

Call (301) 474-8000.

GREENBELT DANCE STUDIO MINI-CAMPS

Greenbelt Community Center, Room 10, 15 Crescent Rd

For FREE tickets, visit the Greenbelt Community Center or call (301) 397-2208,.

There are still spaces available in the Storybook Dance Theater Mini-Camp for ages 3 to 6 from 7/16-7/25 and the Ballet Dance Theater Mini-Camp for Ages 6-9 from 7/2-11 or 7/30-8/8.

Learn more in the Summer Activity Guide: <https://bit.ly/42UVwyD>.

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FOURTH OF JULY FANFARE
Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent

Celebrate America's Independence Day with friends, neighbors, and family at Buddy Attick Park!

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- FIREWORKS at dusk (approximately 9 pm)

Arts Program:

- Amanda Larsen/The SPACE/Greenbelt Museum - Crafts, 4-6 pm

Buddy Attick Park Performance Schedule:

- Drum Circle - 5:30 - 6:45 pm
- Concert Band - 7:30 - 8:45 pm
- Fireworks Display - Dusk (approximately 9 pm)

Navigating the Complexities Of Aging: Are You Prepared?

by Mary Wade

On Saturday, June 1, the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee held its annual Not For Seniors Only seminar event in the Community Center. The topic this year was Navigating the Complexities of Aging. Apparently the committee hit a nerve, and a good one at that, as the room, which was prepared to seat 50 guests, filled before the presentations began and the search was on for another 25 chairs.

Born and raised in College Park, speaker Ann Craynon has been a geriatric care manager since 2012. With a master’s degree in family studies and gerontology from Virginia Tech, she specializes in eldercare planning and advocacy through her own business Ann Craynon Eldercare Solutions. Her challenge for the seminar was to summarize the major issues in a half-hour presentation. She provided tips on how to manage health care costs, paperwork and personal health, as well as what documentation to prepare for caregivers and others. She explained the differences between Medicare, Medigap and Medicaid, and emphasized the importance of building a support team made up of friends, family and other trusted people, and to keep in one place (e.g., in an accordion folder or in Google docs for those with more technology) all important health, financial and legal information that would need to be shared with survivors or caretakers and to keep the information current.

The second speaker, Paula Mattson-Sarli, focused on the fact that estate planning is not one size fits all. She has a law office in Greenbelt. Mattson-Sarli explained that the estate planning process begins with asking her clients for their estate planning goals. For most people, basic documents include a will, health care directive and power of attorney. Having these in place early can lead to peace of mind and family harmony. These documents can help a person 1) maintain



From left, SCAC Founding Member Betty Timer, speakers Paula Mattson-Sarli and Ann Craynon, and current SCAC Chair Mary Wade

control during incapacity, 2) efficiently transfer wealth at death and 3) protect beneficiaries from others and themselves. She elaborated on some pitfalls to avoid and ended by saying that if your legal documents are more than 10 years old, contact an attorney and have them reviewed.

Both speakers stayed for another half hour after their talks to take questions from guests. They came prepared with brochures, handouts and business cards but ran out because of the high attendance. If there are any questions for Craynon, call her at 301-218-0958 or email her at Ann@aceldercareolutions.com. Mattson-Sarli can be reached at 410-777-5916 or at counsel@bergerwills.com. Both are willing to share brochures and handouts from the presentation.

The committee collected about 60 evaluation cards and discov-

ered that half of the attendees learned of the event via the Greenbelt News Review. Thanks to the News Review for helping make this event so successful. Thanks also to the Recreation Department for the room setup and the ASL interpreter, to all the attendees, to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and to the speakers.

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On June 20, Greenbelt Police Chief Richard Bowers (left) and City Manager Josué Salmerón (back left), along with Councilmembers Kristen Weaver, Jenni Pompei and Danielle McKinney and members of the Greenbelt Station Homeowners Association, joined residents for a "Walk and Talk" in the Greenbelt Station neighborhood.



The Greenbelt Community Foundation is seeking additional board members.

For more information or to apply, contact us at greenbeltcommunityfoundation@gmail.com

2024 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form

Submit this form (or something equivalent) by **July 29** to Bob Zugby
Outstanding Citizen Committee
94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt MD 20770
or OutstandingCitizenGB@gmail.com

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) explaining why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. You can include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments, their impact upon Greenbelt or people within the City, and personal qualities that make the nominee special. Note this award is for *unpaid* volunteer work only.

Any supporting printed material is useful, but not required. Others’ testimonials are also helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later. The form and any additional information must be received no later than the **July 29 deadline**.

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Pilgrims Recount Their Journeys At Interfaith Discussion at GCC

by Amy Hansen

Three pilgrims – one Muslim, one Sikh and one Christian – walked into a church to discuss their journeys. Each said the pilgrimage starts the moment one leaves home. Each said the return, or re-entry, is vital to the overall experience and each said that the religious experiences had far more similarities than differences.

As part of Prince George’s County’s continuing Interfaith Conversations, the three speakers met on Monday, June 3 in the basement of Greenbelt Community Church (GCC). About 50 people pulled up a chair to listen as Renée Battle-Brooks, executive director of the Prince George’s County Office of Human Rights, asked questions and guided the panelists through a description of their pilgrimages.

Aref Dajani is Muslim. While he spoke of feeling the gravitas of following in the footsteps of the millions of people who had gone before him on Hajj, he also said he found humor on his trips. He showed pictures of a donut shop and a KFC restaurant near Mecca, calling the incongruity wonderful and unexpected.

Hema Sidhu is Sikh. She spoke of visiting the Golden Temple in Punjab, India, but then emphasized that for the Sikh people, pilgrimage does not require



PHOTO BY AMY HANSEN

From left, Aref Dajani, Ellen Witko and Hema Sidhu prepare for their panel discussion moderated by Renée Battle-Brooks, executive director of the Prince George’s County Office of Human Rights.

going anywhere. It is contemplation, she said, something one can practice every day.

Ellen Witko is Christian, specifically a United Church of Christ minister. She travelled to Jerusalem and sat next to the Sea of Galilee, wondering if Jesus ever sat in the same spot. The trip was memorable, but, she added, a pilgrimage can be anywhere. “It is a journey toward transformation,” she said. “As long as you are having an experience you can have a transformation. You come back a different person.”

The evening was organized by David Alexander, a member of GCC. As he introduced the evening’s speakers, Alexander referred to himself as an “arm-chair pilgrim,” meaning he had read and heard about others’ trips but not gone himself. Following the panelists’ discussion, there are now many other armchair pilgrims in the area.

To see what other events are being sponsored by the county’s Office of Human Rights, visit their website: princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/human-rights.



PHOTO BY STACY STEWART

This summer, six young Greenbelters are working at Camp Bowman, which is part of BSA’s Goshen Scout Reservation. From left, Sebastian Zeller, Noah Eubanks, Sam Stewart-Ricketts, Elizabeth Graham and Casey Fitzpatrick. (Not pictured is Kristopher Smith.)

They are members of local Venture Crew 746 and Scout Troop 214. They will spend the summer helping young scouts enjoy swimming and nature activities while earning badges and cooking outdoors.



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increase for all Metrorail and Metrobus riders since 2017, after a slight rise in price for some trips last year.

Before the initial rise in pricing in 2017, the highest fare was \$6 to travel on Metrorail during peak times and \$2 during off-peak times.

The uptick in pricing comes as WMATA says it’s attempting to “keep fares in line with cost-of-living adjustments” while allowing the transit authority to “continue running their current levels of service,” according to a WMATA press release.

Greenbelt residents can take advantage of two WMATA programs to assist in lowering the cost of using public transportation.

Options for Seniors

The Senior SmarTrip program – for riders 65 years and older – can be used for 50 percent off all Metrorail and Metrobus fares. Eligible residents must enroll to receive the benefits. They can enroll at more than 30 sites in the Maryland, Virginia and D.C. area. Greenbelt residents can enroll in the program and purchase SmarTrip cards at the Greenbelt Metrorail station and at the Greenbelt Library. WMATA is planning on releasing enrollment options online later this summer.

Metro Lift Program

Residents of Greenbelt can also participate in the Metro Lift Program, another WMATA initiative offering 50 percent discounts on Metrorail and Metrobus fares.

This program is free for D.C., Maryland and Virginia residents receiving SNAP benefits. Enrollment can be done either in person or online at wmata.com/fares/Reduced-Fare-Programs/MetroLift. The closest in-person enrollment location for Greenbelt

residents is at the Transit Accessibility Center at WMATA’s new headquarters at 655 Virginia Ave. SW, near the L’Enfant Plaza Metrorail Station on the Green Line.

Matthew Neus is a student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism interning at the Greenbelt News Review.

PUBLIC POLICY VOLUNTEERS

The University of Maryland's Legacy Leadership Institute on Public Policy, in partnership with the State of Maryland, is looking for volunteers age 50+ to serve as volunteer legislative leaders during the 2024-2025 session of the Maryland General Assembly.

Classroom training begins in September for 12 weeks, two days per week, at the College Park campus, with site visits to the state complex in Annapolis.

The volunteer assignment will be for a minimum of two days per week, starting in Jan. 2025, in the Annapolis offices of various senators and delegates. For more information or for an application, contact Wesley Queen at wqueen@umd.edu or call (301)-405-2529.

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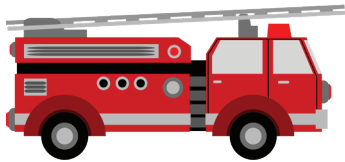
Dr. Jay McCarl, Dr. Dianna Lee, Dr. Clayton McCarl, and Dr. Richard Duarte are licensed general dentists.

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looking to join the fire department as volunteers as a great boon to help with coverage and ensure that volunteers are not stretched past their limit.

The GVFD team members introduced themselves. Ages ranged from the early 20s to those who have been with the firehouse since the 1970s. They also came from a variety of backgrounds; some were from a long line of firefighters, some joined recently to break up the monotony of a 9-to-5 office job and get to know the community better. Some of the volunteers serve as emergency medical technicians (EMTs), some in dual roles as both firefighters and EMTs, and others assist in administrative functions. The thing that they all had in common was a sense of fellowship with the rest of their teammates and belonging in the Greenbelt community.

Similarly, the interested attendees were all coming to the event at different stages of their lives. Some were students and recent graduates from Eleanor Roosevelt High School who became interested in the department after the GVFD’s presentation at career day. A few parents came for support, though by the end of the presentation some began considering joining themselves. Others came out of concern for the loss of career firefighters and, at the same time, for an opportunity to engage more meaningfully with their neighbors. As one of the volunteer hopefuls put it, joining was a chance to “build your village.”



The presentation included what being a part of the GVFD entails, the process to become a member and the amount of training to expect. For those starting out, the free training is the largest time obligation as the classwork can take as much time to complete as some college courses, but it is designed to be completed at the student’s pace. Volunteers can take up to three years to complete the training.

After the presentation, the GVFD gave a tour of the firehouse. Interested residents had a chance to check out the station’s two ambulances and two fire engines to see their many features. The station itself has a handful of live-in quarters where a few of the volunteers can stay, depending on need and availability. In the common spaces, the walls are covered in plaques, photographs and awards which spoke to the history and impact of the fire department.

There will be more volunteer interest events, though the date for the next one is not yet set. To stay up to date, Lisa Ray, the GVFD recruitment officer, recommends following the Engine 35 Facebook page. People can also go to engine35.com to apply to be a volunteer.

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grounds that the plaintiffs had not demonstrated irreparable harm.

Motion for a TRO

In their motion for a TRO, the municipalities argued: “The county is ‘solving’ what they have identified as a critical career staffing shortage with a reliance on volunteers. Both Green and Alsobrooks have been informed that reliance on volunteers to staff the career positions that are being reassigned is not realistic and will fail.” The summer plan “will result in drastic shortages of adequate fire, rescue, and medical personnel to respond to emergency situations and impose an untenable workload onto the volunteer personnel” at the Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park stations, they warned. Following reallocation “of the six fire stations surrounding the Town of Berwyn Heights and the City of Greenbelt, only two have full coverage, one has daytime coverage and three routinely do not answer calls for service,” states the motion. They also argue that the county has not shared data on which they base their assertions of minimal impact or response time calculations. Additionally, the municipalities questioned the timing of the plan to pull career staff when shortages have existed for years and 53 new recruits are set to join the force. *(Editor’s note: Thirty-two firefighters will*

graduate from training on July 16. On June 3, 53 firefighters began training and the county will be hiring 150 uniformed firefighters this budget cycle. See the June 20 issue of the Greenbelt News Review.) “If the injunction is denied, it would simply be a matter of time until an emergency situation arises, and the public suffers an exacerbated injury due to the defendants’ lack of adequate staffing of the fire stations in question,” argued Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park, calling the consequences “drastic” and “dire,” and posing a “much greater risk of catastrophic injury” and “residents in greater danger of loss of life.”

In a joint public statement on Friday, the municipalities claimed the plan’s “reliance on volunteers to maintain service levels raises serious concerns about the ability to provide timely and effective emergency responses. Local fire stations have indicated that they cannot meet the coverage needs within the proposed time frame.” They also asserted their commitment to collaborate with the county government and fire chief and call for a task force, data transparency, support and incentives for volunteers and ongoing engagement.

The County’s Response

Meanwhile, in their response to the motion, Prince George’s County, the Prince George’s County Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, Alsobrooks and Green argued the staffing reallocation is necessary for the health and safety of personnel mandated to work overtime. “In 2023, county firefighters were mandated to work a total of 45,601 hours of overtime, compared to 20,000 hours in 2021,” states the response. They argue the action is within the fire chief’s authority and “impacted areas would still be serviced quickly and efficiently by the other nearby fire stations.” The county counters the claim that they’re solving the staffing crisis with volunteers by arguing that coverage by volunteers “may not be necessary ... given the minimal impact based on the study.” Prince George’s County Fire Department (PGFD) conducted an analysis using incident data from last year and “drive time analysis” from surrounding stations to identify the four stations that they claim will be minimally impacted “as there are other fire stations within a five-mile radius that would respond within eight minutes of a service call.”

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Greenbelt Police Department reported one mental health diversion involving suicide, one domestic and two deaths. On June 27 near 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a woman was arrested on an open warrant after an incident with trespassing and public consumption of alcohol.

Assault

On June 26 at 7:17 p.m. near 555 Crescent Road, two intoxicated individuals were involved in a fight; both were arrested and charged.

On June 26 at 11:05 a.m. near 8957 Edmonston Road, two women were in an argument that turned physical. They were separated, and one was arrested for assaulting the other.

Disorderly

On June 30 at 4:06 p.m. near 6040 Greenbelt Road, two subjects refused to pay after eating a meal at a restaurant. The manager requested they be removed and banned from the premises.

DUI Arrest

On June 24 at 1:42 a.m. near Greenbelt Road and Southway, a vehicle was swerving in and out of its lane. There was a strong odor of marijuana; the driver had bloodshot and glassy eyes and stated he had smoked two blunts along with drinking a few beers. After sobriety tests, he was arrested for DUI.

Fraud

On June 24 near 6933 Lady Anne Court, an unauthorized check was cashed from an account.

On June 27 near 550 Crescent Road, a man sent money to a crypto company, but the website was a scam and he lost his money.

On June 27 near 8017 Mandan Road, a man received a phone call saying he owed money to the bank and that he had to send money through Zelle; after sending the money, he realized it was a scam and reported it to his bank.

On June 29 near 8015 Mandan Road, a woman received a bill from a collection agency regarding an electric bill from Texas, but had never given out her information.

Robbery

On June 27 at 11:58 p.m. near 5821 Cherrywood Lane, two men with a gun stole a man's wallet and fled on foot.

Theft

On June 25 near 9220 Springhill Lane, a laundromat coin machine was broken into. On June 26 near 7501 Greenway Center Drive a woman left her wallet in

the back of her workstation, but could not find it later. On June 28 near 6709 Springshire Way, a man said a woman he knew stole his property and refused to return it. On June 29 at 9:10 p.m. near 6400 Ivy Lane, a purse was taken from a bus. On June 29 near 5309 S Center Drive, a package was taken from a residence; video footage showed the suspect.

Commercial Theft

On June 26 at 4:44 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man put men's clothing into a black trash bag and went out through the side emergency exit. On June 27 at 5:51 p.m. near 7583 Greenbelt Road, two women stole several items and left in a silver vehicle. On June 28 at 12:26 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a woman stole items. On June 29 at 8:50 a.m. near 5910 Greenbelt Road, two men stole multiple items before fleeing.

On June 30 at 5:50 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man concealed store merchandise by wrapping it in a towel and hiding it on his person; the man was stopped, identified and banned from the location, with warrants advised.

On June 30 at 8:03 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, a man and woman stole items prior to an officer's arrival. They fled in a black Chevy with stolen tags (Va. TML3740).

Vandalism

On June 27 at 5:57 p.m. near 6120 Breezewood Drive, a woman's apartment door was damaged as if someone tried to kick it in.

On June 28 at 2:24 a.m. near 7817 Mandan Road, a security officer doing area checks was approached by a man who asked, "Why are you parked here?" The man became irate and demanded that the officer leave; he tore the emergency safety strobe lights off the rooftop of the security vehicle. The man also threw a cup of alcohol at the officer before fleeing the scene.

On June 28 at 7:30 p.m. near 6620 Lake Park Drive, a man heard a banging noise outside his window and when he stepped out to see what it was, he saw the Amazon delivery man hitting the key pad which broke it off the wall.

Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicles

On June 27 near 9011 Breezewood Terrace, a bronze 2018 Infiniti Q50 (Md. 3FA5996) was stolen. On June 29 near 9164 Edmonston Road, a white 2008 Ford Econoline van (Md. 7EW3179) was stolen. On June

29 near 6104 Breezewood Court, a white 2017 Hyundai Elantra (Texas NFL8081) was stolen and broken glass was found where it was parked. On June 29 at 1:18 p.m. near 6098 Greenbelt Road, a green 2006 Cadillac DTS (Md. 86563CL) was stolen from the Beltway Plaza parking lot. On June 30 at 9:25 a.m. near 121 Centerway, a silver 2005 Jeep Cherokee (Md. 6BB6306) was stolen while the owner went into a store; it was unlocked with the keys in the ignition.

Stolen Vehicles Recovered

On June 27 near 5909 Cherrywood Lane, a red 2018 Chrysler 300 was stolen and later found in Washington, D.C. On June 29 near 6206 Breezewood Drive, a stolen 2008 Dodge Caravan was involved in an accident and impounded by Prince George's Police Department.

Theft from Auto

Seven cars had their wheels stolen: on June 25 near 6400 Ivy Lane, a 2023 Honda Accord (and window broken); and near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2012 Chrysler 300 and a 2021 Toyota Corolla; on June 26 near 2 Gardenway, a 2024 Toyota Camry (and window broken); and near 6400 Cherrywood Lane, a 2023 Toyota Corolla; on June 27 near 7806 Hanover Parkway, a 2019 Honda Civic; and near Southway and Crescent Road, a 2025 Toyota Camry.

On June 25 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a wallet was stolen from a vehicle. On June 26 near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a backpack was stolen from a vehicle with the windows down. On June 28 near 7710 Hanover Parkway, a rear tag was stolen. On June 30 near 7927 Mandan Road, a 2018 Hyundai Tucson had a door opened and several electronic items stolen.

Vandalism to Auto

On June 25 near 8274 Miner Street, a 2020 Volvo was spray painted and had deep scratches

on the trunk. On June 25 near 7286 Mandan Road, a Nissan Altima had a window broken and was rummaged through. On June 29 near 8151 Mandan Terrace, a Lexus IS 350 had a window

pulled out and the glove box and center console rummaged through but nothing was missing. On June 30 near 5805 Cherrywood Terrace, a 2021 Honda Pilot had a window smashed.

Greenbelt Woman Charged With \$150,000 EIDL Fraud

Lori Isabell Morgan, 35, of Greenbelt, was arrested on June 12 on an indictment charging her with defrauding the U.S. Government of nearly \$150,000 in Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds, which were meant to provide relief to businesses suffering economic hardship as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The indictment charges six counts of wire fraud. According to court documents, Morgan allegedly submitted an EIDL application to the Small Business Administration (SBA), in which she claimed to own 100 percent of an "agriculture" business that was based out of her Washington, D.C., apartment. Morgan claimed to employ 10 people and to have generated \$7.5 million in gross revenues in 2019. There allegedly was no such business.

On July 8, 2020, the SBA deposited \$149,900 in Morgan's bank account. Morgan allegedly used the money to pay off her debts, and pay for auto repair, restaurant tabs, shopping purchases and trips to Atlantic City and Las Vegas. By December 31, 2020, Morgan's account balance was down to \$829.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act is a federal law enacted in March 2020 and was designed to provide emergency financial assistance to the millions of Americans who were suffering the economic effects caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. One source of relief provided by the CARES Act was the authorization of billions in forgivable loans to small

businesses for job retention and certain other expenses, through a program referred to as the Paycheck Protection Program.

EIDL is a loan designed to assist small businesses that suffered substantial economic injury as a result of a declared disaster. EIDL helped businesses meet necessary financial obligations that could have been met had the disaster not occurred. It provided relief from economic injury that the disaster caused and permitted businesses to maintain a reasonable working capital position during the period that the disaster affected.

The investigation into this matter was conducted by the FBI Washington Field Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christine Macey.

A criminal indictment is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This article is based on a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Columbia.

Greenbelt Animal Control is temporarily closed to the public due to an unforeseeable staffing issue. The shelter is not able to accept animals at this time. Please contact the Prince George's County Animal Shelter at 301-780-7200 for assistance until we can reopen safely.



PRELIMINARY AGENDA Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on July 11, 2024

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. - closed to members and visitors

- Approval of Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on April 4, 2024
- Member Financial Matters
- Legal Matters
- 2024 Contract for Parking Lot Repairs – Second Reading
- 2024 Contract for Compensation Review
- 2024 Contract for Exterior Repairs Masonry Homes
- Personnel Matter

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:30 p.m. - open to members and visitors

- Statement of Closed Meeting held on July 11, 2024
- Approval of Minutes of the Open Meeting held on April 4, 2024
- Request to Place Bench on Common Area
- WAMATA Better Bus Plan - Update
- Investment Committee Financial Report
- Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on August 8, 2024

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“This strategic staffing reallocation is vital to combat fatigue and maintain the health and safety of our fire and EMS personnel while ensuring that our residents continue to receive the high level of emergency services,” Alsobrooks wrote in a June 28 letter to county residents announcing the staffing plan. The plan to reallocate career firefighters began in January 2024 “following a review and assessment of last summer’s performance and staff experiences and ... driven by detailed data analysis,” wrote Alsobrooks. However, as the motion for the TRO argued, affected stations and communities were not informed until June 7.

The county faces a staffing shortage of 251 career firefighters, Alsobrooks noted in her letter, where she also stated that Prince George’s County will provide funding to hire 150 new firefighters in Fiscal Year 2025; the highest number of positions funded in an annual budget in 20 years. The county aims to staff 1,224 firefighters alongside their ongoing volunteer recruitment effort. Alsobrooks also states that the overtime was costing taxpayers over \$30 million annually.

Statement from Fire Chief
On Sunday, June 30, career staff were removed from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) and its Chief Thomas Ray announced, “Today starts a new chapter for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and the community that we serve – as of 7 a.m., the career staff from the Prince George’s County Fire Department have

been relocated to other stations around the county.” He thanked the career staff and wished them well and said their loss will leave “a tremendous coverage gap for our communities.”

“We have been fighting this decision for the safety of our community and we will continue to keep your safety at the forefront of this fight,” said Ray.

Next Steps
“We’re disappointed by the outcome,” Greenbelt City Manager Josué Salmerón told the News Review on Monday.

As the News Review reported on June 13, the city is seeking to acquire more defibrillators. Along with Berwyn Heights, they’re also discussing how they might incentivize volunteers, something Salmerón says the county opposes. In an official statement in response to questions from the News Review, the Prince George’s County Fire and EMS Department said it is “steadfast” in efforts to incentivize volunteerism and current incentives include a length of service award program (monthly cash award), life and accident insurance, death benefits, property tax credits and quarterly financial incentives to volunteer corporations.

Greenbelt City Council might also choose to pursue further legal action, including collecting response time data and evidence of harm caused by the decision. Though the county had previously said the response time would be eight minutes under their plan, twice Greenbelt’s current time (see the June 13 issue), during Monday’s hearing before

the judge, they lengthened that estimate to “eight to 10 minutes.”

Through his statement Ray urged residents who call 911 and experience longer wait times not to take it out on the firefighters who “had nothing to do with the decisions that were made,” but to contact the county executive and

the Prince George’s Fire Department Fire Chief with comments and concerns.

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News Review reader Marti Galvin, right, with friend Mary Ellen Marcell at Keukenhof Botanical Gardens, Lisse, Netherlands



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Jazz Festival Jams Out All Day

by Daniel Thies

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The event kicked off at noon with the Not 2 Cool Trio, who were the Not 2 Cool Trio Plus One with their fourth bandmate. They knew how to set the tone with covers of nostalgic oldies by jazz legends like Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. The Susan Jones Quartet performed the next set with upbeat instrumental pieces and string-forward pieces. At 2 p.m., the Brother Bill Quintet followed up with a mix of brass, strings, drums and keyboard.

In the mid-afternoon, the audience began to swell, with the lunch crowd deciding to stick around long after they finished eating. Everyone sat close to the stage set up in front of the Mother and Child statue, with Roosevelt Center’s benches and tables filled. Some people brought their own lawn chairs or picnic blankets and prepared to stay for the whole event.

At 3 p.m. the Seth Kibel Quintet with Flo Anito began to play. The quintet was keen to reflect the local flavor of the greater D.C. area before playing a song from “Washington D.C.’s greatest export, Duke Ellington.” The band also praised the New Deal Café specifically as a bedrock venue where live music can be heard almost every night. While this was Flo Anito’s first time singing at Greenbelt, every other performer had prior experience playing at the Café.

Jan Knutson followed the six-person set with his solo guitar performance. Between songs, he explained how the New Deal Café and Roosevelt Center are personally significant areas for him; this was the first venue at which he performed music, and the place where he cut his teeth.

By mid-afternoon, the rhythm began to infect the audience. Some broke into dance when the music struck a chord with them, some children rushed to the front of the stage to twirl to the songs and parents danced with their kids. Knutson noted how heartened he was to overhear a child say “this was the best day ever.”

The band Scotch and Soda followed Knutson with comfortable rhythmic instrumentals. Wrapping up the event, Marianna Previti closed the evening with playful jazzy songs.



Zoe Teinturier enjoys the Scotch and Soda Band.



Scotch and Soda's Nick Ruggieri and John Previti



Flo Anito and Michael Raitzyk of the Seth Kibel band



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